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RAJYA SABHA
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Cooking gas connections in Karnataka

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cooking gas connections that existed in Karnataka before the launch of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana;
- (b) the number of new cooking gas connections provided in Karnataka under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana in the last five years, the details thereof, year-wise; and
- (c) the total amount spent on subsidy for LPG connections in Karnataka under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, the details thereof, year-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SURESH GOPI)

(a): As on 30.04.2016, the number of LPG connections in the state of Karnataka were 1.04 crore.

(b) & (c): Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was launched on 01.05.2016 to release deposit free LPG connection to adult women from poor households across the country. The target to release 8 crore connections was achieved in September, 2019. To cover the remaining poor households, PMUY phase-2 (Ujjwala 2.0) was launched in August 2021 and till January 2023, 1.60 crore Ujjwala 2.0 connections had been released. Further, in view of fresh requests, in September 2023, Government approved release of additional 75 lakh PMUY connections. OMCs have completed the release of these 75 lakh PMUY connections as of 8th July 2024.

Till FY 2022-23, Government had been bearing an expenditure of upto Rs 1600 per connection for Security Deposit (SD) of Cylinder, Pressure Regulator, Suraksha Hose, DGCC booklet and installation charges. In September 2023, Government revised the support to Rs. 2,200 per connection.

As on 01.07.2024, OMCs have released 41.48 lakh connections in Karnataka under PMUY. Details of LPG connections released under PMUY in the State of Karnataka in the last five years are as under:-

FY	Number of connections released (in Lakh)
2018-19	19.1
2019-20	3.23
2021-22	3.28
2022-23	2.94
2023-24	3.92

Note: no connection was issued in 2020-21 under PMUY

Source: IOCL on industry basis

57.16 lakh free refills were also provided to PMUY beneficiaries in the state of Karnataka under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP) during April-December 2020. W.e.f. 21st May, 2022, Government has been providing a targeted subsidy of Rs. 200 per 14.2 Kg LPG cylinder for PMUY beneficiaries for upto 12 refills a year. Further, w.e.f. 5th October, 2023, Government increased the targeted subsidy to Rs. 300 per 14.2 Kg LPG cylinder for all PMUY beneficiaries.
